

The Gift: A Life in the Spirit Course.

POPE FRANCIS AND THE HOLY SPIRIT

Pope Francis challenged us all in *Evangelii Gaudium* to invoke the Holy Spirit constantly; **'We need to implore the daily grace of the Holy Spirit, asking him to open our cold hearts and shake up our lukewarm and superficial existence'** (para 264).

Last summer the Holy Father urged hundreds of clergy gathered in St Peters, Rome to run Life in the Spirit courses in their parishes and schools as a dynamic way for Catholics to encounter 'the Friend closest to our hearts'. His call for every Catholic to have a personal encounter of the Holy Spirit will not only bring fresh joy into our parish and school communities but also empower a new generation of 'Spirit-filled evangelisers' to take out the message of love and mercy to a growingly secular society.



AN INVITATION FROM BISHOP PATRICK MCKINNEY



Bishop Patrick has echoed the Pope's challenge by saying; **'The Holy Spirit is vital for our diocese.'** In the Year of Mercy and in response to Proclaim 15, the Bishop has invited the CaFE team to run a pilot GIFT course over two Saturdays, 22nd October 2016 and 5th November 2016 (both to be attended) at Trinity School, Aspley, Nottingham NG8 3EZ. Each day will begin at 10 am and finish at 3 pm with Mass on the second afternoon. The cost is £10 per person for both days to include refreshments and soup

and a roll at lunchtime (you may also require a packed lunch). Bishop Patrick is encouraging all parishes to send several potential course leaders to experience this simple tool of faith renewal.

This is a great opportunity to prepare our parishes for the work of evangelisation and if you would like to be involved please contact your parish priest.



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The six sessions cover:

- The Father's Loving Plan
- The Joy of the Gospel
- The Gift of the Spirit
- Unwrapping God's Gift
- Encountering God's Spirit
- Living The Spirit

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